

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification:

Page 5, last two paragraphs:

According to the invention in a first aspect, there is provided a well screen comprising a filter layer; an outer stand-off layer around the filter layer; and a cover around the outer stand-off layer; wherein the outer stand-off layer is arranged to space the cover from the filter layer and resist collapse of the cover towards the filter layer.

According to the invention in second aspect there is provided a well screen comprising a filter layer, a cylindrical skeletal layer around the filter layer; and a cover around the skeletal layer; wherein the skeletal layer spaces the cover from the filter layer.

According to the invention in a ~~second~~ third aspect, there is provided a method of forming a standoff layer in a well screen comprising the steps of providing a pre-fabricated mesh, wrapping the mesh around at least one underlying member of the well screen and connecting together the longitudinal edges of the mesh.

Page 6, first paragraph as follows:

According to the described embodiment ~~invention in a third aspect~~, there is provided a method of forming a filter layer for a well screen comprising the steps of forming a sheet of woven mesh into a hollow cylindrical form and connecting longitudinal edges of the sheet together by resistance welding.